



California Fair Political Practices Commission

March 22, 1988

Melvin G. Cooper, Executive Director
Alabama State Ethics Commission
817 South Court Street
Suite 2B Annex
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. I-88-105

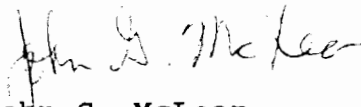
Dear Mr. Cooper:

You have asked whether, under our law, spouses of state legislators may be employed by special interest groups as paid lobbyists. Our law, the Political Reform Act (the "Act") ^{1/}, does not prohibit the spouse of a state legislator from being a paid lobbyist. However, the legislator would have certain financial disclosure and disqualification obligations under the Act's conflict-of-interest provisions (See Duffy Advice Letter, No. A-85-126, copy enclosed.)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel


By: John G. McLean
Counsel, Legal Division

^{1/} Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated.

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Mr. John Keplinger, Director
Fair Political Practices Commission
Post Office Box 807
Sacramento, CA 95804

Dear Mr. Keplinger:

Once again, we need your help, and we need it fast. Write us quickly and answer this question:

"Under your Ethics law, may spouses of State Legislators be employed by special interests groups as paid lobbyists?"

If you have Advisory Opinions or rulings relative to this question, we would greatly appreciate receiving copies of those documents.

You have been mighty helpful to us in the past, and we thank you in advance for your assistance this time. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Melvin G. Cooper
Executive Director

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California Fair Political Practices Commission

March 16, 1988

Melvin G. Cooper
Executive Director
Alabama State Ethics
Commission
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Montgomery, AL 36104

Re: 88-105

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on March 11, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact John McLean, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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